

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-26 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 15 and 16 are amended and claims 25 and 26 are added. Claims 4, 6, 13, 21, 22 and 24 are withdrawn by the Examiner. No new matter is added.

**I. Foreign Priority Under 35 U.S.C. §119**

Applicants appreciate that acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(a) - (d) or (f).

**II. Drawings**

Applicants appreciate that the drawings filed on July 29, 2003 are accepted.

**III. Claim Objections**

The Office Action objects to claim 15 because it allegedly fails to further limit independent claim 1. The Objection is traversed. However, claim 15 is amended to more clearly recite the claimed subject matter. Withdrawal of the objection to claim 15 is respectfully requested.

**IV. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 1-3, 5, 14-20 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Japanese patent document 4-39043 to Takagi in view of Japanese patent document 2000-158797 to Shishido. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites a control section that "controls the recording section to form an output image on the rewriteable image recording medium on which the test image has been recorded, the output image including the predetermined image and not including the test image." At least this feature is not taught by Takagi, Shishido or a combination thereof.

As acknowledged in the Office Action, Takagi fails to disclose or suggest the features of a rewriteable image recording medium, recording on a rewriteable recording medium, deleting the test image on a rewriteable image recording medium, and recording the

predetermined image on the rewriteable image recording medium. Shishido fails to cure the deficiency of Takagi. In fact, Shishido discloses a system and a method for printing either a long term "permanent" image or a temporary/short term "trial" image on the recording medium, where the temporary/test image may be erased from the recording medium (and the recording medium then reused) by physically removing the image from the recording medium. This is achieved by a printing method that uses multiple liquids in the printing process, where the liquids act to form an adhesive that adheres the "image" onto the recording medium, and where the ratio of the liquids is varied/controlled to provide either a long term/permanent adhesion of the "image" onto the recording medium, or a temporary/trial/short term adhesion of the "image" onto the recording medium. However, the long term image is not removable. Only the temporary trial image is removable, thus, the temperature trial image is not recorded using the same image recording conditions as the long term image. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 3 and 14 are amended for clarity. Because claim 1 is in condition for allowance, claims 3 and 14 are allowable as well.

Claim 16, recites "forming an output image in the rewriteable image recording medium on which the test image has been recorded when the detected image characteristic value is within the allowable range, the output image including the predetermined image and not including the test image." These features are not anticipated or rendered obvious by Takagi. Furthermore, Shishido fails to cure the deficiency of Takagi. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

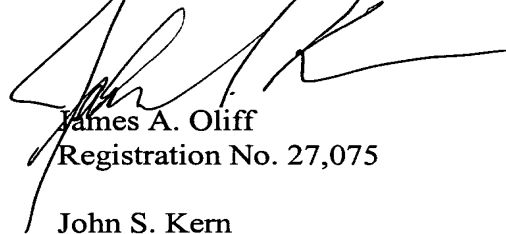
Dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 14, 15, 17-20 and 23 depend from independent claims 1 or 16. Because claims 1 and 16 are in condition for allowance, the dependent claims are allowable as well. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

**V. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, rejoinder of claims 4, 6-13, 21, 22 and 24, and prompt allowance of claims 1-26 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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